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## MYSTERIOUS MURDER

Man Shot While Asleep in Brother's House.

NO SHOT IS HEARD

Inmates Sleeping in Same House Are Not Awakened by Noise.

DISCOVERED IN THE MORNING

When Found by Brother-in-Law Lying in Bed Unconscious—Apoplexy is Thought and Doctors Summoned Who Found Bullet Hole in Brain.

NEW HAVEN, Jan. 3.—Charles A. Edwards of New York, formerly president of the Passaic Chemical Company in New Jersey and more recently of the General Chemical Company, mysteriously given a death wound by a pistol ball while lying in bed during the night, the guest of his brother-in-law, Charles A. Hiller.

Edwards retired apparently in the best of spirits. His failure to appear for breakfast led Hiller to go upstairs. Going into Edwards' room he found Edwards apparently unconscious and first thought it a stroke of apoplexy. Physicians were called in supposing the case apoplexy, but found a bullet hole directly back of the ear. The hemorrhage was not severe, but the bullet penetrated the brain and Edwards soon expired. His death was reported to the coroner, who first thought it a case of suicide, but the absence of a weapon, which hours of searching failed to reveal, gave rise to suspicion of murder. Later the police were notified and detectives were sent to the house. They came to the conclusion that it was a case of murder and proceeded along this line. The house was not broken into, but an unlocked kitchen door gave a possible explanation to the exit of the murderer. Deputy Coroner Bond stated it was impossible that Edwards shot himself and got rid of the revolver, but it is equally mystifying as to the point from which the bullet was fired. Charles Hiller, and his brother Maxey, who occupied the house, were both rigidly examined. Charles stated he was not awakened by a shot and his first intimation was when he found Edwards dying. Maxey stated he was on the best of terms with Edwards and there was no family trouble.

After an inquest the coroner stated that so far as he could learn there is no reason for Edwards to take his own life, but a good reason to believe Edwards was murdered. The murderer would

not state whether he believed the shooting a result of a family quarrel. The police believe the case will be very sensational.

Edwards was about 60 years of age. He married Miss Hiller, the only daughter of Mrs. Hillard, mother of Charles and Maxey. Mrs. Hiller died a few weeks ago. The estate is not yet settled. It is said the attempted division of the property caused a bitter disagreement between Hiller and Edwards.

### STEAMER ASHORE.

PENSACOLA, Fla., Jan. 3.—The coasting steamer Thistlewood is ashore twenty miles from here. Several tugs and a life saving crew will try to take the crew off.

### RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The resignations of James W. Alexander and James Hazen Hyde from the directorate of the Fidelity Trust Company and the Union National Bank of Newark, were accepted today. Their successors will be elected Tuesday.

### SELLS OUT INTEREST.

SEATTLE, Jan. 3.—Edward F. Sweeney, for many years general manager and a heavy stockholder in the Seattle Brewing and Malting Company, last night sold out his interests, valued at half a million, to Andrew Louis and Alvin Heinrich.

## WAR IS UNLIKELY

French Military Preparations No Cause for Alarm.

DUE TO CHANGE IN METHODS

New French Minister of War is Only Preparing for Trouble in the Event of it Coming—Would be on Safe Side.

PARIS, Jan. 3.—An ambassador of one of the powers said careful inquiry convinced him the recent revival of French military activity which has given rise to alarmist reports, is due mainly to a change from the military methods of M. Berteaux, late minister of war, to those of M. Etienne, the present minister. Berteaux was a Socialist whose cardinal principle is opposition to war and reducing military expenditures. Etienne, on the contrary represents the energetic element which maintains that the country should be prepared to meet every eventuality. Etienne proceeded to remedy the lamentable state of inefficiency on the frontier defenses, disclosed by the last inspection of General Negrier and this coming coincident with the Franco-German issue over Morocco has led to a widespread impression that the military preparations were designed to meet eventualities arising over the Morocco controversy.

## GEORGIA WIND STORM DESTROYS MUCH PROPERTY

ALBANY, Georgia, Jan. 3.—A heavy rain and wind storm struck the western part of the city this afternoon demolishing the acid char and great sheds of the Virginia Chemical Company. Ben Jones, a negro employee was killed and injured. The track of the storm is about twenty-five feet wide swept in a westerly direction leveling trees and small buildings in its path. When

it reached the residence portion the course changed and carried away trees and portions of houses, but did not demolish any entire dwelling. It turned northward on Washington street and struck the plant of the Chemical Company. The property loss will amount to \$150,000. Hundreds of negroes are homeless. Little is known of the damage outside of the city as the lines of communication are prostrated.

## ROJESTVENSKY AROUSES BRITISH LION

BRITISH MINISTER DEMANDS EXPLANATION

Russia Admiral Writes to Newspaper That British Admiral Waited at We Hai Wei to Destroy Russian Fleet If Togo Failed.

WITTE TRYING TO STRAIGHTEN OUT AFFAIR PEACEFULLY

British Papers Think Rojestvensky is Trying to Drag England Into the Matter to Help Absolve Him from Blame and to Prepare Public for His Impending Acquittal and Rehabilitation Which the Russian Government Considers Necessary for Sake of Russian Navy's Reputation.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Telegraph says that Witte stated to the emperor and his ministers he was astonished at the allegation made in the letter of Rojestvensky's to the Novoe Vremya today that the British admiral had laid his ships at We Hai Wei awaiting the order to destroy the Russian fleet in the event Togo was defeated in the battle of the Sea of Japan. Witte is said to be taking measures to clear up the matter, but he added that no level headed man in Russia would attach importance to the allegation.

The St. Petersburg Times correspondent says Great Britain is dragged in to help absolve Rojestvensky and prepare the public for his impending acquittal and rehabilitation which is considered necessary for the sake of the reputation of the Russian navy.

### Demanda Explanation.

The British Charge d'Affaires Spring-Rice, without awaiting instructions from his government, has on his own initiative, demanded an explanation from Foreign Minister Lamsdorf in regard to the statement made in Rojestvensky's letter to the Novoe Vremya. Word from St. Petersburg says: At the meeting of the Workmen's Council held across the Finnish border tonight

it was decided the government was too strong for a proletariat and it would be necessary to organize on a new basis the armed revolution as planned. The new council of 150 members was elected and similar councils will be organized everywhere. The propaganda continues to spread among the soldiers. It is decided not to take part in the Douma. January 22d is proclaimed a day of mourning and English and American sympathizers are urged to hold demonstrations.

The Russian government will probably decline to settle the claims of foreigners for the damages sustained on the riots at Moscow on the ground as at Baku, that while every effort has been made to protect foreign interests and property, foreign residents are entitled only to the redress which Russian subjects have; to recover at law from the rioters and local authorities.

It is learned from an authoritative source today that the government has been without communication with Linvitch for almost five weeks.

A dispatch to St. Petersburg from Ufa, Eastern European Russia, states the governor was shot and severely wounded. His assailant was arrested.

At Warsaw the strike has failed, and the attempt at an armed uprising is abandoned.

### SEND OUT TUG.

Board of Underwriters Dispatch Tug to Find Missing Puebla.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—Realizing the imminent peril of the disabled steamer City of Puebla, the local underwriters have dispatched a tug in quest of the craft. Opinions differ regarding the report that the Chehalis has the Puebla in tow. If the statement is true, the vessels are expected to reach port tomorrow afternoon.

### WHEAT CROP BACKWARD.

Weather Bureau Reports That Crop on Pacific Coast is Not Yet Matured.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The weather bureau's monthly crop report states the month was abnormally cold with less than usual precipitation throughout the Pacific Coast States and the winter wheat while generally in good condition, in Washington, Oregon and Southern California, is more backward than usual.

### REDUCE PHILIPPINE TARIFF.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—A bill reducing Philippine tariffs will be on the regular order of business tomorrow in the house and for several days instead of the Statehood bill. This change was necessitated because the latter bill was not ready to report.

### SITUATION NORMAL.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 3.—The situation is normal. Two-thirds of the blue-jackets, re-embarked today pending the final settlement of the mixed court question which it is alleged is hampered by the viceroys one-sided dispatch to the Chinese foreign board.

### STILL MISSING.

City of Puebla Not Sighted by Incoming Steamer.

VICTORIA, Jan. 3.—The steamer Terje Viken, from San Francisco, for Ladysmith, arrived tonight without having sighted the City of Puebla.

### YOUNG DESPERADOES.

Held Up Two Men on Market Street and Are Captured.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—Arthur Chapman and Thomas Murray, each 17 years old, committed two highway robberies on Market street early today, fracturing one man's skull so he is likely to die, and cruelly beating another. They secured little booty. They are now in jail.

### WIND DOES DAMAGE.

Strikes Chicago and Kills One Man and Wounds Twenty More.

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—One man killed and a score injured, and \$100,000 damage was done by a windstorm which struck Chicago tonight. At one time the wind reached sixty miles an hour. Many pedestrians had narrow escapes from flying signs or falling chimneys.

### HOLD THE FORT.

Santo Domingo Revolution is Still Going on With Vigor.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The State department has received a cablegram from Puerto Plata giving an account of the uprising. The revolution broke out Tuesday, General Rodriguez fighting his way into town and then retiring. Not less than twenty-five were killed and many were wounded. General Caspeles is holding the fort and still fighting.

## WANT DEPEW OUT

New York Legislators Desire Senator to Resign.

SENATOR HAS NO INTENTION

Says He Will Not Resign—The Legislators Would Request His Resignation on Ground of Disclosures in Connection With Equitable Life.

ALBANY, Jan. 3.—The New York State Legislature started off with a rush today. One of the most important developments was the election of Speaker James W. Wadsworth Jr., thus finally closing one of the most sensational speakership campaigns in recent years. Another, was the long debate in the Senate over Brackett's resolution requesting the resignation of United States Senator Depew on the ground of disclosures in connection with the Equitable Life, which ended in Brackett's withdrawal of the resolution for a time. The debate attracted the utmost attention. Senators Raines, Maltby, and Coggeshall led the defense for Depew, but joined Brackett in his desire to promote action on the resolution. They eulogized the junior Senator on the score of many great public services, and urgently pleaded for the defeat of the resolution. Senator Depew declared he had no intention of resigning.

## PRESIDENCY OF NEW YORK LIFE RESIGNED BY M'CALL

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—John A. McCall today resigned the presidency of the New York Life and Alexander E. Orr was appointed to his place, at a salary of \$50,000. McCall's was \$100,000. The board of trustees also cut down the number of second vice-presidents to two. In McCall's letter he states his er-

## OFFICERS ARE ACTIVE

Are Weaving Net of Guilt Around Hogan.

NOT HIS TRUE NAME

Real Name is Orchard, Was in Coeur d'Alene During Trouble.

THE REWARD IS INCREASING

The Caldwell Banking and Trust Company Adds \$2500 to the Reward for Assassin's Capture, Making Total of \$27,500 Now Offered.

BOISE, Jan. 3.—The fourth day of work of the officers in running down persons responsible for the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg developed the real name of the man calling himself Hogan. It is believed his name is Harry Orchard. Further, he admitted he was in the Coeur d'Alenes during the recently trouble there. He was a member of Burke Miners' Union. Sheriff Sutherland has identified him as one he saw several times in that section during the past summer. Where he has been previous to last summer and since the year of the rioting is not known, but the fact he was there last summer is significant as it is thought he was conferring with some old associates. Where he has been since is not known. He came to Idaho from Salt Lake; shipped his trunk to Caldwell, but went to Hailey first, following his trunk later. The trunk was traced by means of the baggage checks.

What Captain Swain regards as highly important is an arrest made at Nampa this evening. The name of the suspect is not known. The man had been in Caldwell. He was first noticed there Monday, attracting some attention by his manner in watching the officers. This afternoon he took the east-bound train. The sheriff telephoned to the marshal at Nampa to apprehend him. The new suspect when placed in the sweat-box said: "My name is John Doe and that is all you will get out of me." He was searched but nothing found to indicate his identity or business.

Campbell, the man arrested at Council was released, having proved he worked on the Pacific and Idaho Northern and giving an account of himself for the past thirty days. Warrenton, or Harold, arrested with him, is being held, refusing to talk. Herron, or Le Roy, and the Englishman who refused to give his name were released today. The Caldwell Banking and Trust Company of which Steunenberg was president has offered \$2500 reward. This makes a total of \$25,000 offered for the capture of the assassin.

Errors probably seem greater to him than to his critics, but is comforted to think of the company's unprecedented achievements and to know no officer or trustee has profited improperly at the policyholders' expense. It is uncertain whether Orr will retain the presidency beyond April 1st, when McCall's term would have expired.